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# ROVERS

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This programme was completed before the news of the tragic death of Mr Les Cocker.

A tribute to him will appear in the next issue.

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Football League Division Four  
**ROVERS v HALIFAX TOWN**

Tuesday, October 9th, 1979 Kick off 7.30 p.m.

**ROVERS v WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Saturday, October 13th 1979 Kick off 3.00 p.m.



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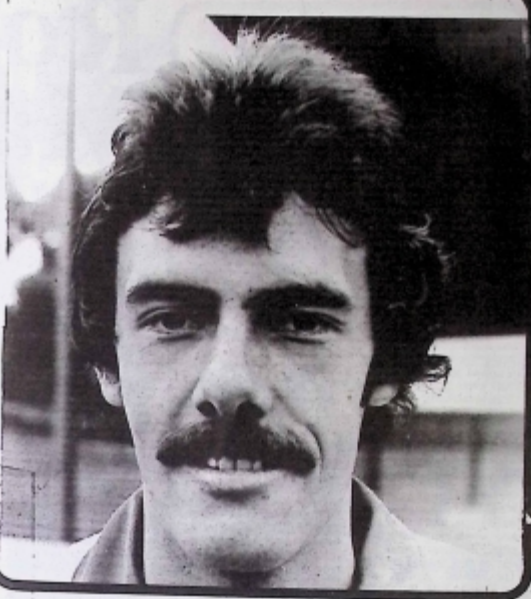


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## John Dowie

Full name: John Dowie  
Birthplace: Hamilton  
Birthdate: 12.12.55  
Height: 6ft 1 1/2  
Weight: 11 1/2 st  
Previous clubs: Fulham, Celtic  
Married: No  
Car: Escort  
Favourite other team: Scotland  
Most memorable match: Debut for Celtic v Rangers last year  
What made you sign for Rovers: Impressed with management  
Biggest drop in soccer: Being dropped  
Ambitions: Hole in one at putting!  
Biggest influence on career: Myself

Would you like to stay in the game when your playing days are over: No  
Representative Honours: Scotland Youth  
Other sporting interests: Golf and squash  
Best ground in Fourth Division: Belle Vue  
Best ground played on: Hampden Park  
Hobbies: Buying records  
Place of residence: Doncaster  
Favourite food: Haggis  
Favourite actor: James Cagney  
Favourite Footballer: Bobby Moore  
Most difficult opponent: Ian Porterfield  
Which person in the world would you like to meet? The Queen.



# Rovers' Record

-a diary of events at Belle Vue

SEPTEMBER 1st provided little comfort for followers of Rovers as the first team went down 0-3 at home to high flying Bradford City, while the juniors travelled to Sunderland and lost 3-1.

Three days later a party of players and officials left Belle Vue for Exeter for our League Cup second round second leg. The match was on SEPTEMBER 4th and we were grateful to Southern League club Heavitree for letting us use their training facilities. A great gesture, but unfortunately it didn't help much as we lost 5-1 on the night, and 6-2 on aggregate.

On the same night the Reserves were at home to Chesterfield and lost 2-1.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7th should have meant a home match with Torquay, but it was switched to a later date because both clubs had played in midweek. However, one footballer lover turned up at Belle Vue, and unfortunately the postponement spoiled his plans for a football packed, well planned week.

On SEPTEMBER 8th our Juniors went

down 3-0 at home to Rotherham United, while two days later a representative youth side went down 1-0 at Wrexham in the F.A. Youth Cup.

Fortune shone a little better on us on SEPTEMBER 11th when we beat Torquay 5-3 at Belle Vue.

Goals were also the order of the day on SEPTEMBER 13th when a soccer celebrity XI and a Jockeys XI shared 12 in aid of the Injured Jockeys' Fund. It is hoped that about £600 or £700 will be donated to the fund.

SEPTEMBER 15th and we travelled to Lincoln, where we gained a well-earned point in a 1-1 draw. That Saturday also saw our Juniors go down at home to Middlesbrough in their last match at Edlington as the lads have now switched to Belle Vue for a period.

'I don't like Mondays' was a topical song on SEPTEMBER 17th and it wasn't much good for Rovers when our first team went down 1-0 at Tranmere.

Our former Secretary, Jim Bennison, who has made a great

recovery from an illness that threatened to curtail his full time work, announced on SEPTEMBER 18th that he would be joining neighbours Rotherham United as Secretary following the departure of Gerry Somerton.

That night Billy Bremner and Les Cocker went to Halifax to watch some players, while Cyril Knowles went to watch Goole Town.

Billy Bremner was at Thorne Fire Station Social Club on SEPTEMBER 20th to push over a pile of pennies for the Brigade.

Also on the Thursday the staff at Belle Vue made a farewell presentation to Mr Bennison.

SEPTEMBER 22nd was a black day, with our first team being hammered 3-1 at Belle Vue by Newport and players criticised by Billy Bremner. A bright spot was Alan Warboys' 400th League game, which he marked with Rovers' goal.

Another bright spot came with our Junior side doing extremely well to draw 1-1 with Leeds United Juniors at Elland Road.

We moved to our training ground at International Harvesters ground on SEPTEMBER 24th and so ended a spell of training on the race track.

Our reserves chalked up a good North Midland League win, by 2-1 at Halifax on SEPTEMBER 25th.

The following day several players, including Billy Russell, John Dowie, Pat Lally and Dennis Peacock, attended the annual handicap presentation at Hatfield Squash Club.



Penalty area action in the jockeys v celebrities match

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Alan Warboys—400th League match



## PROGRAMME CORNER

Any young collector wishing to own a pro-war match programme might be well advised to look out for a reserve team issue. These are usually sold at half the first team price and were often of similar size to the corresponding first team issue.

'Games' for reserves' games in those days were often up to half the size of first team 'games', since few supporters had the time or means of travelling to first team away matches and it was not fashionable for men to help their ladyfolk with the shopping!

The earliest reserve team programme in our possession is one dated March 1907, featuring Aston Villa v Wolves. Costing one penny, it was a full size issue with 12 large pages, plus a stiff cover and containing abundant notes on recent games and one or two general articles. The match reports are priceless to Villa historians, since they are in greater detail than the average newspaper report nowadays.

Villa were one of the clubs in those days who tended to issue a joint programme if a first team game and reserve game fell within two or three days of each other and it is interesting to note that this season several clubs are following this example when first team games fall close together.

It makes sense economically and fans who like a new programme for each game can reflect that occasional economies like this enable a

club to produce a better programme overall.

Talking of combined issues, the joint programme Everton and Liverpool issued right up to the thirties was a fascinating piece of work, bearing in mind the traditional hatred of one set of fans for the other.

### DETAILED

Each week's issue covered either the Everton first team and the Liverpool reserve game or vice-versa. Both clubs were adequately covered in the notes, which in those days when photographs were a rarity, were extremely detailed.

Sheffield United were one club who issued a smaller reserve team programme of four pages between the wars. Even this had space for a few current notes in addition to teams, fixtures and half time key; though it seems to have been reduced to a single page after the war.

A number of teams continued to produce a full size issue for reserve games after the war, but this practice had been discontinued by the late 50s as reserve games slumped.

Arsenal, Wolves, Aston Villa and Walsall kept a four page issue going until the late 60s, but since then clubs have almost universally issued either a team sheet or nothing.

Nowadays these team sheets vary from the printed ones usually sold at 3p to the duplicated ones, usually given away. These might never be collectors' pieces, but personally I always like to have one.

WHEN ROVERS played Halifax at The Shay in August, the club programme included a photograph of seven Halifax Town ball boys from the 1950s and posed the question: Where are they now?

I could ask the same about Halifax Town themselves, since it was in the 1950s that this mysterious football club first drew itself to my attention.

Mysterious because to this youngster, whose contact with the world of professional football extended only to a spot at the side of his grandfather behind the Town End goal at Belle Vue, Halifax might have been at the other end of the world.

Yet there was a weekly fixation with the results as they affected Halifax.

Soccer supporters may follow their own team through thick and thin—or in the case of Rovers over this and thin. But they are not always blinded to the presence of other teams.

### VAGUE

There are some who can talk intelligently about Kilmarnock's results though they might have been no nearer to Scotland than taking a dish of porridge on a cold, winter's morning. There are others who will have wept for Accrington Stanley when they dropped out of the league, even

Journalist HOWARD WRIGHT of the Sheffield Morning Telegraph reveals why the Rovers versus Halifax Town match is special to him.

though it was hard to remember the exact location of this famous club on the map.

I was the same about Halifax Town in the late 1950s. I had a vague idea the town was somewhere near Leeds; I knew they were part of the Third Division North while Doncaster Rovers were a peg above them in the Second Division; but I always looked for Halifax's result in the Saturday evening sports paper.

If Rovers and Halifax had won, I was happy; if Rovers had lost and Halifax had won, I was part consoled; but if both had lost, there was still to play round the marble games of snooker that weekend.

That's how following a team from the other side of the world affects the fanatic.

Even the fanatic who 20 years later cannot remember how the interest was born.

But fate has an uncanny knack of reappearing at regular intervals. So that came the early 1960s, when the geographical barriers of the Third Division had been pulled down to make way for a new set up and Rovers had Halifax had been drawn as if by magnetism to the lowest league, the heroes of schoolboy days became real.

Briefly, other teams had fought Halifax for my left over attentions—Torquay United, as a result of holidays from school spent on the Devon Coast; and Queens Park Rangers, because of a six-month spell trying to fathom the workings of the Civil Service in London.

They were interesting—even if only because Torquay's top scorer Robin Stubbs married a local beauty by the name of Anthea Redfern, and Queens Park Rangers' reserve side often came up against the legendary names of London soccer in the Football Combination. But they were not Halifax.

So when a move from London to work for the horse racing man's bible maker Phil Bull arrived, Halifax was no longer a dot on the map and a name to associate with Saturday's night sports paper.

### GRAFTERS

The Shay became a second home; names like Willie Carlin, Peter Downsbrough, Alec Bush, Tony Field and others were as familiar as Rovers' one time team sheet that began Hardwick, Makepeace, Graham...

Carlin, who became one of soccer's nomads, was a class above the rest and a joy to watch; goalkeeper Alex South saved goals and gave them away in almost direct proportion, but it was always worth standing behind the goal; Brian Westlake, who had a passing flirtation with Rovers, was the symbol of a new breed, with sleeked hair, short shorts and his initials on his car.

They had few stars but were honest grafters, always willing to come back fighting after defeat. When Halifax made a transfer it was always a step up for the player. Some said there was nowhere lower for them to go—but they were the cynics, the non-believers in the theory that if it were not for teams like Halifax, there would be no champions like Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

That was Halifax of the 1960s, when suddenly it became a matter of duty to join the hard core of 1,000 at The Shay, where comfort came second but it was always possible to get a seat on the terraces, resting on concrete steps that froze the seat of your pants in winter and reflected the heat of a late summer sun in September.

And when Rovers came to town, it was an occasion to move up a step, making the stand and a seat opposite the players' tunnel. Then it became a matter of working out priorities. Just for once in the season the away side became more important—but only slightly so, with a Halifax born wife at the side to keep a numerical balance.

The results probably worked out about even. On year Alex Jeffrey, back with the tag of the best footballer who suffered the cruellest ill fortune, scored a goal of enormous power that had Told You So written all over it. The next Rovers had to play second fiddle while we Willie Carlin weaved a magic spell that took him on to Derby County and fame.

And then it was time to move on again, this time back into South Yorkshire, with a job in Sheffield, a home on the outskirts of Doncaster, and another commitment to the hard core of Belle Vue.

The summers may have dwindled since the glory days of the Second Division, but the feeling among the few was just as powerful. And now, as the 1970s ushered themselves in, it was time for Halifax to become one a season victor, when friends from the woollen town would come south to see whether the sun really did shine over Belle Vue all day every day.

The names had changed, on both sides, but the fortunes of the two sides remained the same, except that a feeling rush into the Third Division had given Rovers one more notch over Halifax. The two clubs even met in the common cause of seeking re-election last season, a matter of little pride for a Rovers fan but a fairly regular habit for Halifax followers.

And so we come to another meeting, after a 1-1 draw in August that had this observer mentally blowing the referee's whistle for full time with 20 minutes to go.

It will probably be a close match; it might just be a runaway win for Rovers to avenge that awful 5-0 defeat at The Shay a couple of years ago. But whatever the result, I shall still go away wondering what it is that makes Halifax so special.



No way through for Scunthorpe as Shipley saves.

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## Transfer time

### CLUES

1. To Werder Bremen.
2. To West Brom (first name).
3. To Notts Forest.
4. To West Brom (surname).
5. To Bolton.
6. To Manchester City.
7. To Q.P.R.
8. To Barnsley.
9. To Real Madrid.
10. To Birmingham.

### ANSWERS

1. Watkin.
2. Peter.
3. Hartford.
4. Barnes.
5. Cantello.
6. Robinson.
7. Hunter.
8. Currie.
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# Halifax Town Staff

**KEVIN JOHNSON** A £28,000 club record buy in August 1978, from Huddersfield. A left sided player, he is equally at home on the wing or in the middle. Rated one of the most skilful players in the Division. Formerly with Hartlepool, Wednesday, Southend, Gillingham and Workington. Players of the Season last term. From Doncaster.

**MICK KENNEDY** Signed professional last season. Made a first team place his own midway through season and attracted the attention of clubs in higher divisions.

**GEOFF HUTT** Prior to signing for the Shyamen in March 1978, Leeds-born Geoff played for Huddersfield. A strong defender equally at home in either of the full back positions.

**CHRIS DUNLEAVY** Previously with Chester. Chris joined the Shyamen in October 1978. A player who never gives less than 100 per cent, his ability, skill and determination as central defender or fullback is a great inspiration.

**MICKY BULLOCK** (Player/Coach) Signed for Halifax in 1976, after a long and successful career with Orient. Formerly with Birmingham and Oxford.

**DAVID HARRIS** Another close season signing. David came to the Shay from Port Vale, a team he had joined from local junior football in 1973 and for whom he made over 200 Third Division appearances.

**BOB MOUNTFORD** A whole hearted player. Signed in March 1978 from Rochdale. He was formerly with Huddersfield. A talented and fearless leader.

**ANDY STAFFORD** Signed in January 1979, after being with Blackburn as an amateur. Andy is a direct and fast wingman whose future looks full of promise.

**TONY GEIDMINTIS** Signed during the close season from Northampton where he had been a regular first team member. Began his career with Workington, for whom he made 300 appearances before joining Watford.

**DAVID EVANS** Joined Halifax during the close season from Aston Villa for £22,500 fee. A fine central defender.

**PAUL HENDRIE** A fine mid-field schemer, who signed for Town in the close season from Bristol Rovers for £6,000.

**JOHN KILNER** Signed recently from Preston for £12,500. John played 21 games for the Shyamen while on loan last season and endeared himself to his supporters.



**WIGAN:** Back Row (left to right) Noel Ward, Ian Purdie, Derek Brownbill, John Brown, Bob Ward, Kevin Smart, Mike Quinn, John McDermott. Centre Row: Duncan Colquhoun (physio), Joe Hinnigan, Jeff Wright, George Urquhart, Nigel Hart, Neil Davids, John Curtis, Frank Corrigan. Front Row: Tommy Gore, Alan Crompton, John Wilkie, Ian McNeill (manager), Mr A.O. Horrocks (chairman), Micky Moore, Mark Wignall, David Glenn.

## ... and the men from Wigan

**JOHN BROWN** John saw service with Preston and Stockport before joining Wigan. With 155 league appearances he gives stability and experience to a Wigan defence noted for its difficulty to break down.

**KEVIN SMART** Joined Wigan from Plymouth prior to the start of the 1978-1979 season. Kevin now has over 70 league games to his credit. A gritty player, he is always involved and can be relied upon to give 100 per cent.

**NEIL DAVIDS** (defender) Big Neil has seen service with a number of clubs at league level, and has become a popular figure with the Wigan fans following his arrival from Swansea last year. Strong, rock like figure. Neil brings determination to the defence. 36 league appearances to date.

**NOEL WARD** (Defender) Noel, who joined Wigan from Aberdeen, has gone from strength to strength.

As last year's club captain, he gave his team-mates a positive lead to such good effect that he attracted the attention of First Division clubs and was a member of the Northern Ireland squad for their game against Bulgaria. A frequent scorer, he is a useful utility player.

**DAVID FRETWELL** (Defender) David made 253 appearances for Bradford before joining Wigan on a free in the early part of last season. A cool, efficient professional, who does a magnificent job without any fuss at the heart of the Wigan defence. His experience was invaluable to last year's league newcomers. Wigan hope he will add many more appearances to the 35 he has already played in the blue and white.

**JOE HINNIGAN** (Defender) 23 years of age and with 44 promising League appearances behind him, Joe is definitely a player to

watch for the future. He has already attracted the attention of several league clubs, who are no doubt impressed by his ability to snatch vital goals as well as his cool defensive play.

**TOMMY GORE** (Midfield) Player of the year in the eyes of Wigan supporters for the past two seasons and runner up in last year's Fourth Division Player of the Year competition, Tommy is a vital cog in Wigan's play. Loves to attack, and can bring the crowd to its feet with his forceful shooting. Released by Tranmere in 1974, he has matured into one of the best midfield players to wear the Wigan shirt in post war years. 51 appearances last season.

**JEFF WRIGHT** (Midfield) An ever present with 51 appearances in the 1978-1979 season Jeff has been a consistent performer for Wigan. On his day, one of the most gifted ball distributors in the Fourth

Division. Jeff also has the knack of scoring vital goals, and never looks out of place in higher company.

**FRANK CORRIGAN** (Midfield) Frank made 50 appearances last season in Division Four, to add to the wealth of non-league experience gained principally with Northwich Victoria and Wigan. Always at his best when pushing forward in support of the attack. Frank is a constant source of danger with his strong running, delicate passing and crisp shooting.

**MICKY MOORE** (Forward) After serving Wigan well as a non-league player Micky joined Port Vale in 1978, and played 13 games in the Vale shirt, without ever settling into a front running position. He joined Wigan at the start of last season, and made 43 appearances scoring 10 goals. A selfless, hard

working front man, Micky is an invaluable member of Wigan's squad. A fine dressing room influence, with a lively sense of humour.

**PETER HOUGHTON** (Forward) A strong, aggressive striker, who was unlucky with injuries in 1978-1979. Nevertheless, Peter scored 14 goals in 31 appearances, and he is expected to notch many more as Wigan make the push for Third Division football during the coming season. Already attracting the interest of higher League clubs.

**DEREK BROWNBILL** (Forward) Signed from Port Vale, this ex-Liverpool striker enjoyed a good spell with Wigan last year. Now, with over 100 league appearances and 19 goals to his credit, Derek is looking forward to an even better year ahead. Very popular with the fans.

**IAN PURDIE** (Forward) The magician in the Wigan attack, Ian can destroy any defence when "on song" scored 11 goals last season from 51 appearances on the left flank. An ex-Scottish under-23 international, who has seen service with Aberdeen and Motherwell, from which club he joined Wigan last year.

**IAN MCNEILL** (Manager) After service with Aberdeen as a youngster, Ian moved into English League football and played a part in the playing life of Leicester City, Brighton and Southend United. Eventually made a name for himself as a non-league manager of quality with Ross County in the Highland League and Wigan Athletic in the Northern Premier League. Became Wigan's first League Manager last year and achieved miracles on a tight budget.

**KENNY BANKS** (Trainer) A popular midfield player with Wigan in the 1950's. Kenny is now almost a fixture at the club. One of the most popular and loyal characters ever to be associated with Wigan.

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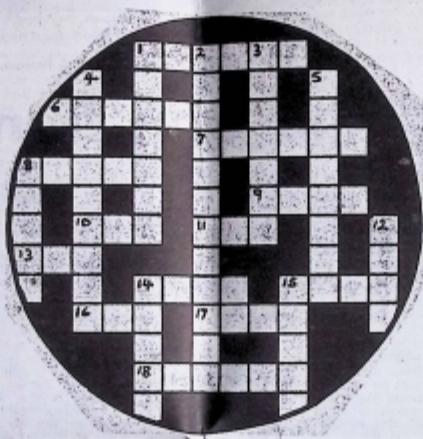


# FACTS AND FIGURES-FACTS AND FIGURES

| Date   | Opponents             | Res | Att   | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4     | 5       | 6     | 7        | 8       | 9       | 10    | 11      | 12       |
|--------|-----------------------|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|----------|---------|---------|-------|---------|----------|
| Aug 11 | Sheffield Utd (L.C.1) | 1-1 | 5,746 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Warboys | Nimmo   | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 14     | SHEFFIELD UTD (L.C.1) | 3-1 | 6,484 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox   | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis    |
| 18     | NORTHAMPTON           | 2-1 | 4,482 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox   | Bradley | Lally | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 21     | Halifax               | 1-1 | 3,801 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 25     | Huddersfield          | 0-0 | 5,332 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 29     | L. Cup 2              | 1-1 | 4,836 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 1      | BRADFORD              | 0-0 | 5,569 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 5      | L. Cup 2              | 1-0 | 3,129 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 11     | TORQUAY UNITED        | 5-0 | 3,557 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 15     | Lincoln               | 1-1 | 4,759 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 17     | Tranmere              | 0-1 | 3,016 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 22     | NEWPORT               | 1-0 | 3,238 | Peacock | Russell | Ripley  | Cox*  | Bradley | Dowd  | Pugh     | Nimmo   | Warboys | Dowd  | Bentley | Lewis*   |
| 26     | L. Cup 3              | 0-0 | 4,481 | Shirley | Russell | Shirley | Lally | Bradley | Lally | Flanagan | Nimmo   | Warboys | Lewis | Bentley | Pugh     |
| Oct    | Scunthorpe            | 1-1 | 2,933 | Shirley | Russell | Shirley | Lally | Bradley | Lally | Flanagan | Nimmo   | Warboys | Lewis | Bentley | Flanagan |
| 2      | TRANMERE              |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 6      | Crews                 |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 9      | HALIFAX               |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 13     | WIGAN                 |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 20     | Stockport             |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 23     | York                  |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 26     | PORTSMOUTH            |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 31     | L. Cup 4              |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| Nov    | 3 Northampton         |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 6      | YORK                  |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 9      | PETERBOROUGH          |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 17     | Bournemouth           |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 24     | F.A. 1                |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| Dec    | 1 ALDERSHOT           |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 5      | L.C.S.                |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 7      | Rochdale              |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 15     | F.A. 2                |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 21     | DARLINGTON            |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 26     | Walsall               |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 29     | HUDDESFIELD           |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| Jan    | 1 HARTLEPOOL          |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 5      | Hereford (F.A. 3)     |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 24     | PORT VALE             |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 16     | L. Cup semi-final     |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 19     | Torquay               |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 26     | Bradford (F.A. 4)     |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| Feb    | 2 LINCOLN             |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 9      | Newport               |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 13     | L. Cup semi-final     |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 16     | SCUNTHORPE (F.A. 5)   |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 23     | Wigan                 |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| Mar    | 1 STOCKPORT           |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 8      | Portsmouth (F.A. 6)   |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 14     | CREWE                 |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 15     | L. Cup final          |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 22     | Peterborough          |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 29     | Bournemouth           |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| Apr    | 1 Darlington          |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 5      | WALSALL               |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 8      | Hartlepool            |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 11     | HEREFORD              |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 19     | Aldershot             |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 26     | ROCHDALE              |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| May    | 3 Port Vale           |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |
| 10     | F.A. Cup final        |     |       |         |         |         |       |         |       |          |         |         |       |         |          |

Home matches in capitals. Goalscorers in bold type. \*—player substituted.

## SOCCER CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Valencia Star, 6. Everybody Likes One, 7. Strikers Need . . . Practice, 8. Brother of Walsall Boss, 9. New Albion Midfield Man, 10. Disputes Sometimes over this, 11. Sometimes used as punishment, 13. Right Back No. 1, 14. Arsenal Captain, 15. Former Man Utd. Golden Boy, 16. Sunderland Striker, 17. Derby Winger, 18. Former Arsenal, Man Utd. and Scotland No. 5.

### CLUES DOWN

1. Liverpool Star, 2. Man Utd. and Scotland Star, 3. Play at Goodison Park, 4. 1978/79 League Champions, 5. England Keeper, 8. Swansea Defender, 12. Hang from Goal Posts, 14. Albion No. 9, 15. Birmingham Nickname.

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## Youth League Football Has Stars of Future

DONCASTER has produced its fair share of top-class footballers—one currently rated among the world's best—and a fair number of them have progressed through the Doncaster Youth League.

The League has been a good breeding ground for the big clubs and has also, in its 26 year history, given a great deal of pleasure to thousands of football and teenagers.

Those who didn't make a career in the game never the less had many hours of enjoyment and a great number of them went on to play in the local senior leagues, which are tough and highly competitive.

The Doncaster Youth League was formed in about 1953 and at that time members were all youth club teams based in the old Doncaster borough.

It was a great success and grew to such proportions that a second division was formed. In the heyday between 1962 and 1965 there were 12 sides in division one and a further ten—mostly reserve teams—in the lower divisions.

Things began to get more difficult when Sunday football was allowed and young lads were able to watch their Football League

sides in action on Saturdays and still get in a game of their own the following day.

The Doncaster Youth League plays all its matches on a Saturday afternoon.

But the league survived and though more compact, is a thriving concern now. This year there are 12 teams of boys aged 14 to under 18—Arbore Y.C., Barnburgh Y.C., Brodsworth Y.C., Bentley West End Y.C., Highfields Y.C., Mexborough Young Socialists, Park Y.C., Scowby Y.C., Tom Hill Y.C., Wheatley Y.C., Woodfield Y.C. and YMCA.

There has been a shift since the reorganisation of local government.

Instead of being concentrated solely on Doncaster, the league now stretches its boundaries to cover the whole area of the new Doncaster Metropolitan Borough—which has brought in teams from places like Mexborough, Conisburgh and Densby, which has always been a very strong footballing area and in fact produced one of Rovers' best players of the last decade, Peter Kitchen, who is from Mexborough.

The unsung heroes of the junior leagues are, of course, the men behind the scenes who put in so much effort for no financial reward and keep things operating smoothly so that teenagers can enjoy their soccer.

So here it is worth mentioning the committee of the league—chairman Frank Nicklin, vice-chairman Reg Jenkins, secretary Irena Nicklin, treasurer Keith Warner, registrar and fixtures secretary Cyril Ellis and management committee Herman Pallas, Roy Davis, Brian Robson, Geoff Green, Ken Brandreth, Ray Brewin and George Fretwell.

Some have been deeply involved with the league for many years—Frank Nicklin for 20 years as committee member, secretary, fixture secretary registrar and, for ten years, chairman.

Other stalwarts are Reg Jenkins, who has been involved 14 years, Cyril Ellis (eight years) and Keith Warner (ten years).

All have had their own youth club teams and now do tremendous work behind the scenes.

They are proud of the past and present League players who have passed through the Doncaster Youth League, such as Mick Elwis, who played for Technical College Imps before joining Rovers and moving to Preston for a big fee.

Derrick Downing of Pilkingtons and Bessacarr Y.C., a star with Middlesbrough; Mervyn Fryer of Bessacarr Y.C. and Chester-

field; Kevin Keegan of Elmfield House Y.C., Scunthorpe, Liverpool, Hamburg and England; Stan Brookes of Instals Y.C. who became a Rovers favourite; Steve Uziel of Balby Y.C., a talented centre-back with Rovers and Preston; Rod Belfitt of Bessacarr Y.C. and Leeds who has recently been helping Rovers in another capacity; and Kevin Bird of Tech College, who also joined Rovers.

There are, of course, others.

The league is a voluntary set up and that means relying on the help of organisations in the town, including particularly the local council who give a grant towards administration and transport, and Doncaster Rovers themselves.

The league's highlight of the season is the final of the League Cup, which is played at Belle Vue and is a momentous occasion for the lads involved.

The Doncaster Youth League is probably typical of such organisations throughout the country and one thing is for sure—they bring as much pleasure to people as do all the Football League clubs and are an integral part of the fabric of soccer life. Long may they continue.



# Junior Club Call-Maltby M.W.

## GREAT START TO THE SEASON

Currently making a great start to the season are Maltby M.W., who are among the pacemakers at the top of the Yorkshire League Division Two.

Welfare have been revived for about 10 years, during which time they have climbed through the County Senior League divisions and the Yorkshire League and hopefully this season they will regain their First Division place.

Certainly if quality of players is anything to go by they will earn promotion, though hopefully they will not lose any more players to 'bigger' clubs.

Over the last three years Welfare have lost about 10 established first team players to Midland and Northern Premier League clubs and though their losses are regretted, the club are not bitter.

### MORE MONEY

"You can't blame the players for wanting a bit more money and better football and with players like 'keeper Stuart Hinchcliffe going to

Frickley, who are currently riding high, and Lukasec, Walker and Palmer going to top side Middlesbrough, we have a record of being a proving ground for good players", said Secretary Peter Kenny of 2, Cripes Close, Maltby.

Peter has been Secretary of the club for several years and also holds the position of treasurer. A Scot, he is a retired miner.

While players having been leaving the club, this season has seen the return of others who have made their experience count in a side mixed with age and youth.

Paul Ebbotson, rated slightly by many local people, has returned as team captain after a spell in the Midland League with Retford, and another favourite, local teacher Trevor Dawson, has also returned to the Maltby Lane club. Trevor has been top scorer in the Yorkshire League in the past seasons.

Welfare now run two teams, the second taking over a spot in the County Senior League First Division vacated when the first team moved into the Yorkshire League.



The Maltby squad and officials

### REVIVAL

Welfare's revival came about when it was decided to re-form what had been an old established club about ten years ago.

The team entered the County Senior League on formation and soon won promotion through to the First Division.

That they lost out on goal average for the Championship before moving on into the Yorkshire League.

That was six years ago and after originally winning through to the First Division they have now been in the second for three years.

Honours the club have won since the re-formation include the Sheffield Senior Cup, when they beat Mexborough Town 3-2 in a tough final at Belle Vue, and the Rotherham Charity Cup.

## Photos by Alan Johnson

They have also been losing finalists in the Yorkshire League Cup and three times losing finalists in the Wharfedale Charity Cup, last season going down on penalties to Carlton, to from Sheffield.

The club's fund raising is organised by a committee, which this year includes six new members, "which thankfully shares out a bit of the work", joked Peter.

### FUNDS

"Fundraising is run mainly through the club at the moment, but we've got a lot of ideas for things to come and we hope they will bear fruit shortly", he added.

Peter is hopeful that this season will see Welfare go up, something which he considers would be a tribute to the work of manager Sammy Turner, who revived the club's fortunes midway through last season. Second team manager a Chick Henderson.

"At this stage last season we had only three points and it took us ten matches to win our first game. But at one time we were climbing near to the top so with a good start this season we can improve.

"This league is not a particularly good league and if you can string one or two good runs together you are there", said Peter.

Only time will tell if Maltby Miners' Welfare can get back in the First Division, but if they do it will coincide nicely with a new era for the parent club, which is about to be rebuilt after a disastrous fire in January.



A midfield tussle during Maltby's match against Double Barrel.



Waller gets well above goalkeeper Marsden to get in a header.



Maltby's Waller gets in a shot against Double Barrel.

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# TEAM CHECK

## HALIFAX

- 1 Mick LEONARD
- 2 Chris DUNLEAVY
- 3 Geoff HUTT
- 4 Dave EVANS
- 5 Dave HARRIS
- 6 Paul HENDRIE
- 7 Franny FIRTH
- 8 Micky KENNEDY
- 9 Bob MOUNTFORD
- 10 Kevin JOHNSON
- 11 Andy STAFFORD
- 12

## ROVERS

- 1 Dennis PEACOCK
- 2 Billy RUSSELL
- 3 Glyn SNODIN
- 4 Steve LISTER
- 5 Pat LALLY
- 6 Dave BRADLEY
- 7 Daral PUGH
- 8 Ian NIMMO
- 9 Alan WARBOYS
- 10 Jack LEWIS
- 11 Dave BENTLEY
- 12

## WIGAN

- 1 John BROWN
- 2 Kevin SMART
- 3 Joe HINNIGAN
- 4 Tommy GORE
- 5 Neil DAVIDS
- 6 Dave FRETWELL
- 7 Frank CORRIGAN
- 8 Jeff WRIGHT
- 9 Derek BROWNBILL
- 10 Mick MOORE
- 11 Ian PURDIE
- 12

Football League Division Four Friday, October 26th, k.o. 7.30 p.m. ROVERS v PORTSMOUTH

## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

The referee against Halifax is Norman Glover from Chorley, who is married with two children. He started refereeing in 1960 in Bolton local leagues and progressed via the South West Lancashire and Lancashire Combination.

He was senior linesman for an F.A. Cup quarter-final in 1976/77 and a European Cup Winners Cup match in 1978/79. Interested in all sports, he is sales representative for a stationary manufacturer.

**LINESMEN:**  
RED FLAG: Mr Penrose of Hull.  
AMBER FLAG: Mr H.V. Thomson of Tamworth, Staffs.

Peter Richardson of Lincoln referees against Wigan. He started in the Lincolnshire League then graduated via the Midland Counties and North Midlands Leagues to the Football League.

Was linesman for a UEFA Cup match in Italy in 1974 and also the 1973/74 Texaco Cup final. A married man, he is a works director. He plays golf and is secretary of his local club.

**LINESMEN:**  
RED FLAG: Mr P. Rapson of Chesterfield.  
AMBER FLAG: Mr J.M. Thompson of Newcastle.

## Busman's holiday?

On September 28th Rovers played at Scunthorpe—one of several Friday evening matches they are scheduled to play this season.

For a professional footballer a Saturday off is something rare, so we asked the Rovers players as they travelled back from the Old Showground what they would be doing the following day.

Sport was still the order of the day for John Dowie, who was going to play squash.

It seems that most players can't get away from football, as several said they were going to watch Rovers Juniors against Hull in the morning.

Following that Shaun Flanagan was going to stay home and play records and relax. Glyn Snodin watch television, while Dave Bentley was going to take wife Jeanette shopping.

Billy Bremner and Les Cocker were going to Elland Road to watch Leeds and Manchester City, as was physio Gerry Delahunt, who was taking his father, who had come down from Scotland.

**SHOPPING**  
Steve Lister was going shopping, while Ian Nimmo was another taking in a match. He was going to watch his home town club, Boston United.

For Ian Snodin, included in the first

team squad for the first time for the Scunthorpe match, things were as normal as he was playing in the match with Hull. Afterwards, though, he was planning to watch T.V. which also seemed the likely occupation for Billy Russell.

Dave Brandley was making a return to Manchester for the weekend and said he would probably take in a match. Keith Ripley also said he would go to a match, though he wasn't sure where.

Last word to went to Alan Warboys, who said: "Well, it's the TV Seven for me". Only thing is, we think he'd forgotten about the television strike!

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